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THE

# BY-LAWS,

## REGULATIONS AND POLICE

OF THE

### CENTRE-DISTRICT

## NEW-HAMPSHIRE MEDICAL SOCIETY.

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At a meeting of the Centre-District New Hampshire Medical Society,

June 19, 1839.

Voted, That Thomas Chadbourne, M. D. R. P. J. Tenney, M. D. and E. K. Webster, M. D. be a committee to revise the By-Laws and Police regulations, and that they report such alterations and amendments as in their opinion have become necessary.

MOSES HILL, Secretary.

At the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Society at Salisbury, Sep. 25, 1839, Voted, That the report of the Committee on the revision of the By-Laws be accepted and adopted, and that the Committee cause the same to be published, together with such other votes and resolutions now on the records, as were designed to be observed by the Society as standing rules.

THO. CHADBOURNE, Secretary Pro. Tem.

The Committee appointed to revise and publish the By-Laws of the Centre District New Hampshire Medical Society, hereby report the following as a true copy. In the discharge of their duty, they have carefully examined the records, and have embraced in this edition the purport of all the recorded votes and resolutions, designed to continue as standing rules.

THÓ. CHADBOURNE, R. P. J. TENNY, E. K. WEBSTER.

## BY-LAWS.

### SECTION I.

#### OF THE MEETINGS.

ART. 1. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be on the first Wednesday of May. Seven members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum to do business.

At this meeting there shall be chosen by ballot, a President, Vice President, three Councillors, Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian.

ART. 2. There shall be a semi-annual meeting of

the Society, the first Wednesday of October.

ART. 3. Fourteen days notice shall be duly given by the Secretary of each meeting, at such place as the Society may from time to time direct.

### SECTION II.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

ART. 1. The President having declared the meeting open,

1. The record of the preceeding meeting shall be

read by the Secretary.

2. The following Committees shall be appointed, viz:—1. A committee to examine and prescribe for

such patients as present themselves to the Society for advice. 2. A committee to audit the Treasurer's Accounts. 3. A Library Committee.

3. Reports of Committees and communications

received.

4. Dissertations read.

5. Election of Officers.

6. Annual Address of the President.

7. Report of the Committee on examination of Patients.

8. Miscellaneous Business.

#### SECTION III.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

- ART. 1. The President shall be, ex officio, member of the Council.—Shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Council, but is expected to take no part in debate, or discuss any question, unless previously leaving the chair and having requested the Vice President, or in his absence, some other member to preside. He shall vote only in case of division and at each annual meeting, shall, by a written dissertation or essay, address the Society on some subject connected with the duties of the Profession.
- ART. 2. The Council shall propose all candidates for membership. Shall appoint two or more members to read dissertations at each meeting. Shall fill all vacancies that occur during the recess of the Society; shall call special meetings at the request of any five members, or whenever in their own opinion such meet-

ings may be necessary. They shall take cognizance of any immoralities or differences between individual members, whether made known to them by the complaints of others, or occurring within their own observatoin, and if they cannot be satisfactorily adjusted, shall report the same to the Society, and they shall have the general supervision of the Society's interests during the intervening time of its meetings.

ART. 3. The Vice President shall perform all the duties incumbent on the President in case of his ab-

sence.

ART. 4. The Secretary shall be, ex officio, member of the Council, shall notify and attend all meetings of the Society and Council, and shall record their transactions, which record shall be subject at all times to the inspection of the members.—He shall be the medium of communication between this Society and others,—shall notify new members of their election, and committees of their appointment, and shall transmit a condensed account of the transactions of each meeting to the New Hampshire Medical Society and to each District Society, and invite the same in return from them.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall have the custody of all moneys belonging to the Society, and shall pay

out the same only on the order of the Council.

He shall collect all dues from the members and others, and the account of his receipts and disbursements shall be annually examined by a committee appointed for the purpose by the Society, and their report shall be entered on the records.

ART. 6. The Librarian shall have in his custody and charge the Books, Instruments, or any Surgical

Apparatus that may belong to the Society.

He shall keep an accurate Register and account of the same to be annually lain before the Library Committee, and he shall be considered personally responsible for all Books, Surgical Apparatus, &c. belonging to the Society that passes into his possession.

- ART. 7. The Library Committee shall have the general supervision and direction of all the concerns of the Library. They shall designate and purchase such books as will in their opinion be most useful to the Society, when funds are appropriated for the purpose. They shall assess all damages for the loss or injury of books, and prior to each annual meeting, shall particularly inspect and examine the condition of the Library, and report the same to the Society.
- ART. 8. Any member who shall lose or essentially injure any book belonging to the Library, shall pay for the same, or replace it with another of equal value.
- ART. 9. Each member may take from the Library two volumes at one time, and may retain the same six months, provided the time does not interfere with the stated return of the books prior to each annual meeting.
- ART. 10. All books shall be returned to the Library for the inspection of the Library Committee at least one week prior to the annual meetings, in default of which 25 cents per week shall be paid for each volume so retained by the member holding the same.
- ART. 11. No member shall be entitled to take books from the Library, who is more than two years in arrears in his legal assessments, or who has for more than one year neglected to repair any damage the Library may have sustained on his account.

### SECTION IV.

#### DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

- ART. 1. It is expected of each member, that he communicate to the Society, verbally or in writing, all occurrences in his practice worthy of special notice. as also all facts calculated to contribute to the improvement of the Profession;—that he will dispense or use in his practice no secret medicines, the composition of which he withholds from his brethren—that he will on all occasions vindicate the character and practice of others, so far as truth and justice will permit—that he will cheerfully attend and gratuitously advise in all cases of sickness of his brethren of the profession or their families, and in the case of irregular and unqualified practitioners within the range of his practice, he shall use his influence to discourage their employment, by avoiding, so far as prudence will dictate, any Professional intercourse with them, in the sick room or elsewhere; and in all cases of unavoidable consultation, his advice and directions should be given rather to the patient or friends than to such attending Physician.
  - ART. 2. Resignations. Any member may resign his membership, or officer his office, on giving satisfactory reason to the Council.
  - ART. 4. Honorary Membership. All members in reputable standing in the Society at the age of fifty-five shall thence be considered as honorary members, no annual tax shall be required of them.
  - ART. 4. Members of other regularly constituted Medical Societies in reputable standing, may attend the meetings of the Society, but are expected to take

no part in its deliberations unless invited by special vote.

#### SECTION V.

#### CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 1. Any person, who has received a medical degree at any school or University authorized to confer the same, or who has been duly licensed by the Censors of any regularly constituted Medical Society, and sustains a good moral character, having signified his wish to join the Society, may be proposed by the Council for membership, and voted for at any regular or special meeting of the Society, but his election shall not be made known to the public until he has paid his initiatory fee and subscribed the Constitution.

ART. 2. Each member on admission to the Society, shall pay to the Treasurer the sum of four dollars,

and an assessment annually of two dollars.

ART. 3. Members of other Medical Societies may transfer their membership to this Society without paying the initiatory fee, on producing to the Council the necessary credentials.

## POLICE.\*

### SECTION I.

CONSULTATIONS.

Consultations should be encouraged in all difficult or protracted cases, as, when properly conducted, they increase confidence in the attending Physician, and tend to create more enlarged views in his practice. No feeling of rivalship or jealousy should be indulged. Candor, justice, and all due respect should be manifested toward the Physician in attendance, and as he may be presumed to be best acquainted with the patient and family, he should deliver all the directions, and perform the necessary operations, unless he or the patient requests otherwise.

The consulting Physician should never visit without the attending one, unless by the desire of the latter, or when, as in sudden emergency, he is not to be found.

No discussion of the case should ever take place in the presence of the patient or his friends, and no opinions delivered which are not the result of previous consultation and concurrence. All theoretical debates should be avoided, as occasioning perplexity and loss of time; as there may be much diversity of opinion on speculative points, with perfect unanimity as to the mode of treatment. Whatever may be their private opinion of each other, Physicians in consultation,

<sup>\*</sup> Selected with but few variations from Percival's Medical Ethicks.

should endeavor to divest themselves of all prejudice and admit of no other consideration than what will most effectually contribute to the relief of the case submitted to their care. If a Physician's mind be not open to conviction, from whatever source it may come, he should in honor decline the consultation.

All debates and discussions should be strictly confidential, and in consultation visits, the most scrupulous punctuality should be observed as to time.

### SECTION II.

#### INTERFERENCES.

Medicine is a liberal profession, and the members of it are expected to be men of refinement and education. Success in business should therefore depend on merit, not on artifice or insinuation. Certain undefinable assiduities and attentions to families usually employing another, should be considered beneath the dignity of a regular Physician, as making a mere trade of a learned profession. All officious interferences in cases of sickness of such families, evince a meanness of disposition unbecoming the character of a practitioner or gentleman. No meddling inquiries should be made concerning them, nor hints given relalive to their nature and treatment, nor any selfish conduct pursued that may directly or indirectly tend to weaken confidence in the Physician or Surgeon who has the care of them.

When a Physician or Surgeon is called to a patient, who has been under the care of another, he should ascertain, before any examination of the case, whether

the other still continues his visits, and whether the patient considers himself under his care: in which case, he is not to assume the charge of the patient, nor to give advice, (excepting in instances of sudden attack) without a regular consultation: and if such previously attending Physician has discontinued his visits, and the patient does not consider himself under his care. his practice should be treated with candor, and justified so far as probity and truth will admit: for the want of success in the primary treatment of the disorder, is no impeachment of professional skill and knowledge. It frequently happens, that a Physicician, in incidental communications with the patients of others, or with their friends, may have their cases stated to him in so direct a manner, as not to admit of his declining to give an opinion. Under such circumstances, his observations should be delivered with the most delicate propriety and reserve. He should not interfere in the curative plans pursued, and should even recommend a steady adherence to them, if they appear to merit approbation.

### SECTION III.

#### DIFFERENCES.

As diversity of sentiment, and collision of interest may in the Medical, as in other Professions, occasion controversy and sometimes even contention; whenever such cases unfortunately occur, as cannot be amicably adjusted by the parties themselves, they should be referred to the Council or arbitration of some brethren of the Profession, mutually to be agreed on, but neither

the subject of such reference nor the adjudication should be made public, as all such controversies are personally injurious to the character of the individuals concerned, and what is of more consequence, discreditable to the Profession.

### SECTION IV.

#### DISCOURAGEMENT OF QUACKERY.

The use of Quack remedies should be discouraged, not only as destructive to health and life, but as disgraceful to the Profession. No regular Physician should use or recommend a secret nostrum, whether it be his own or the invention of others. If it be of real efficacy, the concealment is inconsistent with beneficence and professional liberality, and if mystery alone give it value and importance, such craft implies either disgraceful ignorance or fraudulent avarice.

### SECTION V.

#### FEES.

General rules should be adopted by neighboring Physicians relative to the pecuniary acknowledgements of their patients; and it should be deemed a point of honor to adhere to them; any deviation from or evasion of such rules should be considered as meriting the censure of the Profession. Gratuitous services to the poor are in all cases expected. The characteristic beneficence of the Profession is inconsistent with sordid views or av-

aricious rapacity. The diseased poor of every description should be objects of our peculiar care. Doctor Boerhaave said they were his best patients, as God was their paymaster.

### SECTION VI.

#### EXEMPTION FROM CHARGES.

All members of the Profession should be attended gratuitously, but visits should not be obtruded officiously, as such civility might create embarrassment by interfering with that choice on which confidence depends. Nevertheless, distant members are expected to defray the expense of travel; and such of the clergy as possess the means of making a reasonable remuneration for medical services, are not considered more privileged than any other order of patients.

## MEMBERS.

[The name of the town generally indicates the place of residence when elected. The present location is added when known to the Committee.]

1807. Ebenezer Lerned, M. D.\* Hopkinton. 66 Mathias Spalding, M. D. Amherst. Joseph Bartlett.\* Salisbury. Thomas Eaton.\* Weare. Adonijah Howe.\* Francestown. 66 Zadock Howe, M. D.+ Concord. 66 Roger Smith,+ Mt. Vernon. 60 Luke Lincoln.+ New Boston. 66 Timo. Tilton.\* Canaan. 66 Dan Hough, 66

" Peter Green, M. D.\* Concord.

" Jona. Gove,\* Goffstown.

The above were the original members at the organization of the Society.

66 John Preston.+ 66 Amasa Kellev.\* 66 Jonathan Kittridge,\* .. A. T. Clark,\* Ebenezer Rockwood,† 66 James Crombie, + Jacob B. Moore.\* 66 Samuel Curtis.+ 66 Samuel Gerrish,\* 1808. James Stark, M. B.\* ic Abel Blanchard,\*

" Abel Goodrich,\*
" Benjamin Jones,†
1809. Samuel Morrill, M. D.

Benoni Cutter.\*

Asa Crosby, M. D.\*

New Ipswich.
Chichester.
Canterbury.
Northfield.
Wilton.
Temple.
Andover.
Amherst.

Hopkinton.
Pembroke.
Hollis.
Sandwich.
Merrimack.
Lyndborough.
Concord.

Sanbornton.

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<sup>\*</sup> Deceased. + Removed.

1809.	Robert Bartley,†	Londonderry.
	Job Wilson, M. D.	Franklin.
1810.	George Farrar, M. D.	Londonderry.
1811.	J. P. Batchelder, M. D.†	Charleston.
I812.	Hon. David Lawrence Morrill, M. D.	. Concord.
1813.	David Carter,†	Peterborough.
66	John Starr,	Northwood.
"	Luther Farley,	Bradford.
	Moses Long, M. D.†	Warner.
66	Thomas Shannon,	Moultonborough.
1814.	Peter Bartlett, M, D.*	Salisbury.
	John Carr, M. D.	Sanbornton.
	Wm. Graves,†	Deerfield.
66	Benjamin Kittridge,*	Chester.
66	Silas Merrill,†	Andover.
	Elijah Rowel,†	Boscawen.
"	John Stephens,†	Goffstown.
1815.	Thomas Chadbourne, M. D.	Concord.
"	James Odell, jr.+	Stratham.
1816.	John French,†	Landaff.
"	Hon. Joseph M. Harper,	Canterbury.
66	John Proctor,*	Epsom.
66	Richard Russell, M. D.	Great Falls Somersworth.
IS17.	Thomas P. Hill, M. D.	Sanbornton.
66	Robert Lane, M. D.	Sutton.
· cc	William Tenney,*	Loudon.
1818.	Josiah Crosby, M. D.	Meredith Bridge.
"	Isaac Doton,†	New Hampton.
1819.	Henry Bond, M. D.+	Concord.
"	Thomas H. Merrill,t	Raymond.
, 66	Isaac Colby, M. D.	Concord.
"	Benjamin Parker, M. D.†	Concord.
66	Jacob Straw, M. D.	Henniker.
"	Thomas Peach,	Boscawen.
"	Abner Johnson,	Springfield.
1820.	Moses Bagley,	Candia.
"	Henry Lyman,*	Warner.
"	William Prescott, M. D.†	Gilmanton.
6.	Samuel Sawyer,†	Boscawen.
**	Josiah Kittredge, M. D.	Nashua.

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1820.	Ebenezer Stephens,†	Goffstown.
66	Samuel Smith, M. D.+	Bristol.
"	Silas Walker,†	Goffstown.
1821.	Caleb Buswell,*	Warner.
	John Durkee*	Meredith Bridge.
66	Luther Smith,*	Hillsborough.
66	Austin George, M. D.*	Boscawen.
. 66	Reuben Hatch,	Hillsborough.
66	Jesse Merrill, M. D.	Franklin.
66	John Sanborn,	Meredith.
66	Jacob Williams,†	Gilmanton.
66	Nathan Sanborn, M. D.	Henniker.
1822.	Joseph Dalton,	Brentwood.
. 66	Obadiah E. Durgin, M. D.†	Sanbornton.
66	Samuel Houston,†	Hooksett.
66	John Rogers, M. D.*	Boscawen.
66	Harvey Studly,	Bradford.
66	Isaac Stearns,	Dunbarton.
1823.	Tilton Elkins,	Andover.
66	John T. Sanborn,†	Wentworth.
66	Luther V. Bell, M. D.†	Derry.
66	Enos Hoit, M. D.	Northfield,
1824.	Philip Cilley, M. D.+	Weare.
66	Jona. C. Prescott,	Gilford.
1825.	Isaiah Lane,	Candia.
1826.	Lemuel M. Barker, M. D.+	Chester.
. 66	Ezra Carter, M. D.	Concord.
66	Elijah Colby, M. D.†	Concord.
	Dixi Crosby, M. D.	Hanover.
"	Daniel Dodge,†	Pembroke.
1829.	Joseph Reynolds, M. D.†	Chester.
66	Daniel Mowe, M. D.+	Sanbornton.
1830.	John C. Page, M. D.	Gilmanton.
1831.	Joseph B. Eastman,†	Concord.
	James B. Abbot, M. D.	Boscawen.
1832.	Jacob S. Eaton, M. D.	Bristol.
	John L. Fifield, M. D.	Sutton.
"	Moses Hill, M. D.	Northwood.
66	Thomas W. Wilson,	Salisbury.

1833.

Jeremiah Blake, M. D.

Pittsfield.

Charles Chase, M. D.+ 1833.

66 John S. Elliot, M. D. John Gale, M. D.\*

.. James A. Gregg, M. D.

David Wells, M. D.+

Nahum Wight, M. D. 1834. 66 Elijah Blaisdell,\*

66 Otis French.

1835. James Peterson, M. D.

66

Hezekiah Eldridge, M. D. 66

Otis Hoit,†

66 Richard P. J. Tenney, M. D,

1836. Thomas Brown,t

00 John T. G. Leach, M. D.+

66 Robert S. Morrill, M. D.

Timothy Havnes, M. D.

66 James F. Sargent

Jeremiah F. Hall. 1837. 66

E. K. Webster, M. D. Joseph Gould, M. D. 1838.

66 John A. Dana, M. D.

66 Charles A. Savory, M. D.

Levi G. Hill, M. D.

66 Jacob C. Hanson, M. D.

Henry C. Parker, M. D.

66 Benjamin E. Sawyer, M. D.

Amos Eastman, M. D.

Alpheas Morrill, M. D.

Harrison Eaton, M. D.

Nathaniel Dorman, M. D. Hanover Dickey, M. D. 1839.

Robert E. Merrill, M. D.

William W. Proctor, M. D.

Alonzo F. Carr, M. D.

William H. Hosmer, M. D.

66 James A. Tilton,

Moses T. Willard, M. D.

John H. Allen, M. D.

Charles P. Gage, M. D.

Amos G. Gale, M. D.

Chichester.

Pittsfield.

Epsom.

Hopkinton.

Deerfield.

Gilmanton.

Boscawen.

Gilmanton.

Weare.

Pembroke.

Mason.

Loudon.

Concord.

Concord.

Canterbury.

Concord.

Hopkinton. Wolfeborough.

Hill.

Gilmanton.

New Hampton.

Hopkinton.

Salisbury.

Andover. Bedford.

Londonderry.

Loudon.

Loudon.

Weare.

Alton.

Epsom.

Meredith Bridge.

Hill.

Goffstown.

New London.

Chicheser.

Concord.

Boscawen.

Concord.

Hooksett.

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